United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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Pursuant to Section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of two proposed manufacturing license agreements for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles to Italy and Belgium to support the manufacture of NATO E-3A AWACS Group B communication systems in support of the NATO Mid-Term Modernisation Programme.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly

Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.